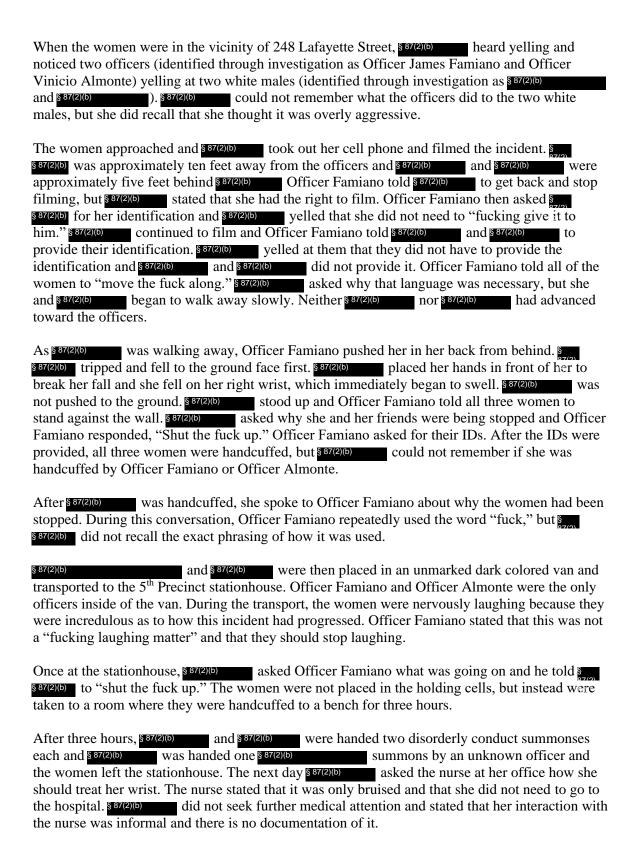
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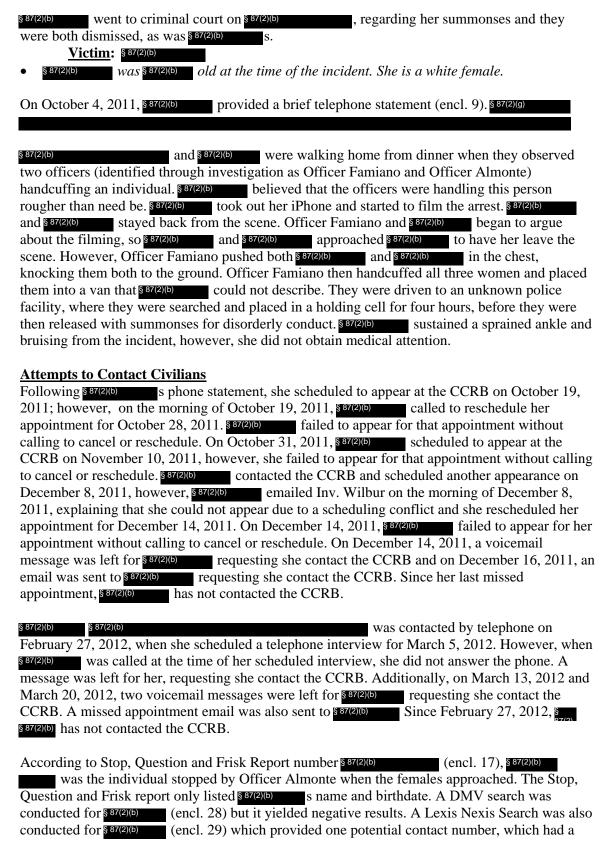
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Max Bernstein		Team # 6	201112043	☐ Abu	se	O.L.	✓ Injury
Incident Data(s)		Location of Incident:	<u> </u>	Preci	ot:	18 Mo. SOL	EO SOL
Incident Date(s) Saturday, 09/17/2011 11:40 PM, Sunday, 09/18/2011		248 Lafayette Street, en route to the 5th Precinct, and in the 5th Precinct stationhouse		05		3/17/2013	3/17/2013
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Complainant/Victim	Туре	Home Addre	ess	•			
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Witness(es)		Home Addre	ess				
Subject Officer(s)	Shield	TaxID	Command				
1. POM James Famiano	07548	936568	005 PCT				
Witness Officer(s)	Shield N	Tax No	Cmd Name				
1. POM Vinicio Almonte	02330	940895	005 PCT				
2. SGT Julio Ramos	04467	914488	005 PCT				
3. LT William Doyle	00000	899165	005 PCT				
4. DTS Patrick Connors	01309	929931	005 PCT				
5. POM David Lee	12428	938836	005 PCT				
Officer(s)	Allegation	on			Inves	tigator Recor	nmendation
A.POM James Famiano	Discourt	esy: PO James Famiano	spoke rudely to § 87(
		and § 87(2) e Street in Manhattan, er e 5th Precinct stationhou	n route to the 5th Pro				
B.POM James Famiano	Force: PO James Famiano used physical force against outside of 248 Lafayette Street in Manhattan.						
C.POM James Famiano	Force: PO James Famiano used physical force against outside of 248 Lafayette Street in Manhattan.						

Case Summary

On September 19, 2011, \$37(2)(b) filed this complaint with the CCRB via the agency's online website on behalf of herself and her two friends, \$37(2)(b) and \$37(2)(b) On September 17, 2011, at approximately 11:40 p.m., \$37(2)(b) and \$37(2)(b) and \$37(2)(b) observed Officer James Famiano and Officer Vinicio Almonte of the 5 th Precinct conducting a stop outside of 248 Lafayette Street in Manhattan. \$37(2)(b) and \$37(2)(b) approached the officers and the following allegations resulted: • Allegation A: Discourtesy—PO James Famiano spoke rudely to \$37(2)(b) outside of 248 Lafayette Street in Manhattan, en route to the 5th Precinct, and in the 5th Precinct stationhouse.
• Allegation B: Force: PO James Famiano used physical force against ser(2)(5) outside of 248 Lafayette Street in Manhattan. ser(2)(9)
• Allegation C: Force PO James Famiano used physical force against street in Manhattan. § 87(2)(9)
On August 2, 2012, this case was reassigned to Inv. Max Bernstein following Inv. Benjamin Wilbur's departure from the agency.
Results of Investigation
<u>Civilian Statements</u>
Complainant/victim: \$87(2)(b) • \$87(2)(b) was \$87(2)(b) old at the time of the incident. She is a white female, who stands 5'8" tall, weighs 155 pounds, and has brown hair and hazel eyes. \$87(2)(b)
CCRB Statement: On December 7, 2011, \$87(2)(b) was interviewed at the CCRB (encl. 10A-G). \$87(2)(b) statement is summarized below.
On September 17, 2011, at approximately 11:40 p.m., \$87(2)(b) exited an unknown bar approximately two blocks away from 248 Lafayette Street in Manhattan. \$87(2)(b) was with and \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(
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Page 4 CCRB Case # 201112043 Wisconsin area code. On September 26, 2012, \$\frac{837(2)(0)}{2012}\$ s number was attempted, however, the phone rang continuously before the undersigned received a busy signal.

According to Stop, Question and Frisk Report number \$\frac{837(2)(0)}{2012}\$ (encl. 12) \$\frac{837(2)(0)}{2012}\$ was the individual who was stopped by Officer Famiano when the females approached.

Officer Famiano noted \$\frac{87(2)(0)}{2012}\$ s contact information in his memo book, including his phone number. Between April 2, 2012 and September 11, 2012, \$\frac{837(2)(0)}{2012}\$ was attempted by telephone six times. On two of the occasions, voicemail messages were left for him requesting he contact the CCRB. On the remaining occasions, voicemail messages could not be left, as \$\frac{837(2)(0)}{2012}\$ s mailbox was full. Additionally, on September 25, 2012, a please call letter was sent to \$\frac{837(2)(0)}{2012}\$ To date, \$\frac{837(2)(0)}{2012}\$ has not contacted the CCRB, nor has the letter been returned stamped "return to sender" by the United States Postal Service (USPS).

NYPD Statements:

Subject Officer: PO JAMES FAMIANO

- Officer Famiano was [87(2)(0)] old at the time of the incident. He is a white male, who stands 5'10" tall, weighs 200 pounds, and is bald and has green eyes.
- Officer Famiano worked from 5:00 p.m. on September 17, 2011, until 5:35 a.m. on September 18, 2011. He was assigned to Anti-crime with Officer Vinicio Almonte, was dressed in plainclothes, and was working on foot.

Summons (encl. 13A-B):

Officer Famiano issued two summonses to \$87(2)(b) in regards to this incident. He issued one for \$87(2)(a) 160.50

Memo Book (encl. 14A-C):

Officer Famiano noted that on September 16, 2011 (sic) at 11:35 p.m., he had \$87(2)(b) stopped in front of 248 Lafayette Street. At 11:41 p.m., Officer Famiano had \$87(2)(b) stopped in front of the same location. At 11:47 p.m., Officer Famiano noted one under for a \$87(2)(a) 160.50

CCRB Statement:

On April 2, 2012, Officer James Famiano was interviewed at the CCRB (encl. 15A-C). His statement is summarized below.

On September 17, 2011, at approximately 11:35 p.m., Officer Famiano and Officer Almonte had stopped in the vicinity of 248 Lafayette Street and Officer Famiano was asking him questions regarding his whereabouts. Mid-way into Officer Famiano's conversation with three women approached and stood approximately 10 to 15 feet away from the officers. One of the women was identified by Officer Famiano as \$87(2)(b) and the other two were identified through investigation as \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(c) and \$87(2)(c)

The women yelled for approximately two to five minutes before Officer Famiano and Officer Almonte told them to stop yelling and to disperse. Officer Famiano and Officer Almonte asked the woman to stop screaming and disperse at least five times, but the women did not respond to

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the directives and they continued to yell at the officers. Officer Famiano then asked the women for identification, but they did not initially comply.

The females continued yelling for approximately five to ten minutes. During this time, a crowd gathered. Since Officer Famiano and Officer Almonte were greatly outnumbered by the women and the crowd, the officers decided that they would apprehend the women and bring them back to the stationhouse. Either Officer Famiano or Officer Almonte also called for backup. Officer Famiano did not indicate which officers arrived as backup and he did not recall if those officers interacted with \$87(2)(b) or \$87(2)(b)

Officer Famiano eventually obtained the females' IDs and then placed them in handcuffs. Initially Officer Famiano said that placing the females in handcuffs was the first time that he made physical contact with the women. However, Officer Famiano later stated that he possibly put his hands on the women to try to disperse them, but did not remember any of them falling to the ground.

The women were placed in a police van for transport to the stationhouse. Officer Famiano accompanied the women in the van, but he was not sure who drove the van. Prior to the transport, Officer Famiano did not tell the women to "move the fuck along," nor did he hear any other officer make that statement. Officer Famiano denied uttering any profanities at the scene. During the transport, Officer Famiano did not curse at the women or tell them that "this is not a fucking laughing matter."

Upon their arrival to the stationhouse, the women were all placed in a holding cell and issued summonses for \$87(2)(a) 160.50 . Officer Famiano did not recall saying "shut the fuck up" or any other profanities, nor did he hear any other officer make such a statement.

Witness Officer: PO VINICIO ALMONTE

- Officer Almonte was \$87(2)(b) old at the time of the incident. He is a Hispanic male, who stands 5'7" tall, weighs 200 pounds, and has brown hair and brown eyes.
- Officer Almonte worked from 5:00 p.m. on September 17, 2011 until 5:35 a.m. on September 18, 2011. He was assigned to Anti-crime with Officer James Famiano, dressed in plainclothes, and assigned to unmarked RMP#1691, which is an unmarked silver sedan.

Summons (encl. 18A-C):

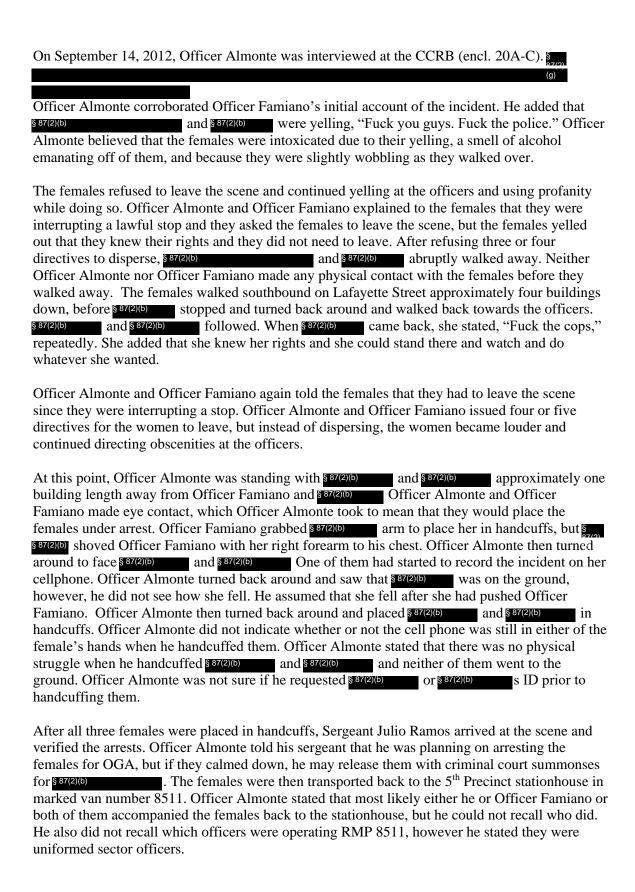
Officer Almonte prepared three summonses in regards to this incident. He issued two summonses to § 87(2)(b) for § 87(2)(a) 160.50

Memo Book (encl. 19A-C):

At 11: 35 p.m., Officer Almonte stopped an individual named \$87(2)(b) in front of 248 Lafayette Street, however, he stated that this incident was unrelated. At 11:41 p.m., Officer Almonte noted that he had \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) stopped in front of 248 Lafayette Street. At 11:47 p.m., \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(c) were placed under arrest. They were then transported to the 5th Precinct stationhouse by marked van# 8511. At 2:00 a.m., \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) were released with three "C" summonses.

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Back at the stationhouse, \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) continued yelling and cursing at the officers. Officer Almonte then explained to the females that they were going to be processed through the system, at which point \$87(2)(b) started crying. \$87(2)(b) apologized to the other females and stated that the whole incident was her fault. All three females then apologized to the officers, at which point Officer Almonte decided that he would let them go with criminal court summonses. Officer Almonte stated that he did not use any profanity while inside

Neither Officer Almonte nor Officer Famiano used any profanity at any point during the incident.

MOS Statements Not Included:

According to the 5th Precinct Tour 1 roll call (encl. 24A-C) Detective Patrick Connors and Officer David Lee were assigned to RMP number 8511. Officer Almonte noted in his memo book that and \$87(2)(b) were transported to the 5th Precinct stationhouse in RMP number 8511. As a result, on September 21, 2012, Detective Patrick Connors was interviewed at the CCRB (encl. 22A-B). \$87(2)(9)

NYPD Documents

of the stationhouse.

Command Log (encl. 25):

and \$87(2)(b) were stamped into the 5th Precinct Command Log at 12:01 a.m. on September 18, 2012. All three females' conditions were listed as apparently normal, but intoxicated. At 2:00 a.m., \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) were released with summonses.

Roll Call (encl. 24A-C):

The 5th Precinct Tour 1 roll call listed that Detective Patrick Connors and Officer David Lee were assigned to RMP number 8511.

Status of Civil Proceedings

• \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(b) have not filed a Notice of Claim with the City of New York as of September 27, 2012, with regard to the incident (encl. 27).

Civilians Criminal History

[§ 87(2)(b)] [§§ 86(1)(3)&(4)] [§ 87(2)(c)]

Civilians CCRB History

• This is the first CCRB complaint filed by §87(2)(b)

Subject Officer CCRB History

• Officer Famiano has been a member of the service for seven years and there are no substantiated CCRB allegations against him (encl. 2).

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Conclusion

Identification of Subject Officer described the subject officer as a 6'0" tall white male, with a shaved head, stocky build, and a goatee. § 37(2)(b) described the subject officer as a 5'11" tall white male, with a shaved head and a muscular build. § 37(2)(b) described the subject officer's partner as a dark skinned male and § 87(2)(b) described him as a Hispanic male with dark hair and a slim build. Officer Famiano and Officer Almonte acknowledged interacting with \$87(2)(b) and S87(2)(b) and Officer Famiano matches the physical description of the subject officer, while Officer Almonte generally matches the description of the witness officer. § 87(2)(9) **Investigative Findings and Recommendations Allegations Not Pleaded:** acknowledged that \$87(2)(b) yelled profanities at Officer Famiano and Officer Almonte after they had told her to disperse. § 87(2)(9) Allegation A: Discourtesy—PO James Famiano spoke rudely to \$87(2)(b) and \$87(2)(5) outside of 248 Lafayette Street in Manhattan, en route to the 5th Precinct, and in the 5th Precinct stationhouse. alleged that Officer Famiano told her, §87(2)(b) and §87(2)(b) to "move the fuck along." § 87(2)(b) also alleged that when she questioned Officer Famiano as to why she was stopped, he told her to "shut the fuck up." She added that Officer Famiano used the word "fuck" repeatedly outside of 248 Lafayette Street in Manhattan, but she could not recall all the specifics ways he used the word. §87(2)(b) stated that while she, §87(2)(b) and §87(2)(b) were being transported to the 5th Precinct stationhouse, Officer Famiano told them that the situation was not a "fucking laughing matter." Once the women got to the stationhouse, Officer Famiano allegedly told §87(2)(b) to "shut the fuck up" again. Officer Famiano denied uttering any profanities at the scene, during the transport to the stationhouse, or at the 5th Precinct stationhouse. Officer Almonte also denied hearing Officer Famiano use any profanities throughout the incident. g 87(2)(b) did not make any discourtesy allegations against Officer Famiano in her brief phone statement. Allegation B: Force: PO James Famiano used physical force against §87(2)(b) outside of 248 Lafayette Street in Manhattan. alleged that Officer Famiano pushed her in the her back, causing her to fall to the ground, which resulted in swelling to her wrist. § 87(2)(b) corroborated that Officer Famiano pushed \$87(2)(b) to the ground. Officer Famiano initially denied making any physical contact with \$87(2)(6) but later stated that he may have put his hands on the women at the scene to try to disperse them, but he did not remember any of them falling to ground or if he touched

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